

# Marine Notice No. 53 of 2024

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Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers, Yachtsmen and Seafarers

# Sceirde Rocks Windfarm Project Metocean Survey

# 1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta (FST) of the deployment of a large metocean buoy and two trawl resistant seabed frames for a metocean survey at Sceirde Rocks Wind Farm in the Western Coastal Area/Atlantic Ocean. The seabed frame deployment took place on **24 October 2023** and the metocean buoy deployment took place on **6 September 2024**. The equipment will remain in place for up to **24 months**. Periodic service visits to the equipment will take place throughout the survey period, subject to weather and operational constraints.

### 2. Location of Activity

The survey will take place within the bounds of the area detailed in the table below and in the map in the Appendix at the end of this notice.

**Table 1: Survey Area** 

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	53° 15.014' N	010° 01.228' W
2	53° 13.994' N	009° 57.030' W
3	53° 16.113' N	009° 55.129' W
4	53° 17.672' N	009° 58.092' W
5	53° 15.981' N	010° 01.922' W
6	53° 15.014' N	010° 01.228' W

Deployment as-laid positions are detailed in the table below and in the map in the Appendix.

**Table 2: Positions of Survey Devices** 

Point	Location	Latitude	Longitude
1	Metocean Buoy	53° 14.94' N	010° 00.36' W
2	Seabed Frame 1	53° 14.86428' N	009° 57.28794' W
3	Seabed Frame 2	53° 17.32956' N	009° 58.18134' W

#### 3. Details of Survey Vessels

Throughout operations the seabed frames and metocean buoy may be serviced by the below vessels:

• "Roman Rebel" (Call Sign: 2ICAS)

• "Yorkshire Lady" (Call Sign: EIHR7)

Service visits may also utilise other vessels depending on availability.

## 4. Safety Precautions

The metocean buoy has a hull diameter of 3.6m and focal height of 4m. The buoy is yellow in colour and displaying a St Andrew's Cross. It is mounted with the following navigational aids:

- 1 x Automatic Identification System unit (AIS 1(161.975 MHz))
- 1 x Navigation Light Sequence FI y(5) 20s, range 3NM

#### 5. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any relevant matters, should be directed to:

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A Fisheries Liaison Officer will be available to discuss operations throughout the duration of the survey campaign.

All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and of <u>Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007</u>, which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012* [S.I. No. 507 of 2012] and the *Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012* [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013. These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public

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Encl: Appendix: Map of Survey Area & Equipment Deployment Locations

For any technical assistance in relation to this Marine Notice, please contact:

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# **Appendix: Map of Survey Area & Equipment Deployment Locations**

